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## RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 5, 2003, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the election requirement on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, applicants elect group I, the species of Figs. 1A and 1B, for prosecution at this time.

The following claims read on the elected species of Figs. 1A and 1B: claims 1-6 and 10.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits, and the allowance of all of the claims are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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